

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 12 and ending on page 13, line 30 as follows:

A white resin film having a high reflectance is used as the reflection sheet 3. In this embodiment, the reflection sheet 3 continuously covers the rear face and the facets D1 and D2 of the light guiding plate 1. More specifically, the reflection sheet 3 which is cut to a predetermined shape and has perforations S formed for the facets D1 and D2 of the light guiding plate 1 as shown in Fig. 3 is used. The reflection sheet 3 extends from the rear face of the light guiding plate 1 to be folded along the facets D1, so that the fluorescent discharge tubes 2 are enclosed by the reflection sheet 3 with the reflecting portion 20 being formed. At the reflecting portion 20, an edge of the reflection sheet 3 is fixed to a periphery of the light emission face of the light guiding plate 1 with an adhesive 6 such as an adhesive double coated tape. On the facet D2 of the light guiding plate 1 where no fluorescent discharge tube is disposed, the reflection sheet 3 extends from the rear face of the light guiding plate 1 to be folded along the facet D2.